



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down 7 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 203 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 20, 2008. This was down 7 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed Down 6 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 168 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 20, 2008. Placements were down 6 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through December 13, 2008 were 8.79 billion, down 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Nov 15 2008	Nov 22 2008	Nov 29 2008	Dec 6 2008	Dec 13 2008	Dec 20 2008
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	28,744	29,439	*29,100	29,121	29,448	28,707
AR	25,038	24,891	*24,692	23,357	24,769	24,266
DE	3,375	3,370	3,272	3,314	3,274	3,294
FL	1,269	1,282	*1,284	1,241	1,256	1,013
GA	31,090	31,989	*32,495	31,191	*32,448	32,749
KY	7,608	7,914	7,984	7,785	7,538	7,704
LA	3,440	3,307	3,419	*3,424	*3,424	3,424
MD	8,428	8,959	8,675	8,672	8,512	8,911
MS	17,629	17,400	*17,478	17,840	17,621	17,194
NC	18,191	18,572	*18,811	18,312	19,008	18,739
OK	7,108	6,285	*6,937	6,556	6,795	6,922
PA	4,041	4,232	4,276	4,159	*4,346	4,031
SC	5,761	5,443	5,817	5,409	5,570	5,485
TX	15,013	15,297	15,277	15,278	*15,265	15,286
VA	6,174	6,185	*6,193	5,961	6,149	5,964
CA, MO, TN, & WV	19,250	19,100	19,030	*18,680	*19,007	19,647
19 State Total	202,159	203,665	*204,740	*200,300	*204,430	203,336
Previous Year Total	215,925	219,089	221,543	214,382	217,613	218,612
Pct. of Prev. Year	94	93	92	93	94	93

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Nov 15 2008	Nov 22 2008	Nov 29 2008	Dec 6 2008	Dec 13 2008	Dec 20 2008
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	18,550	18,125	18,394	20,151	20,849	19,913
AR	19,499	20,357	20,401	22,298	21,173	20,812
DE	3,973	3,919	4,546	4,593	4,305	5,086
FL	880	987	1,083	996	987	1,220
GA	25,109	23,818	24,104	25,808	*26,559	27,123
KY	5,650	5,734	5,587	5,972	6,388	6,065
LA	2,818	3,257	2,939	3,398	3,326	3,228
MD	5,284	5,744	5,774	4,913	6,094	5,138
MS	15,169	13,611	*15,718	15,707	15,672	15,501
NC	14,932	15,002	15,622	15,494	15,274	15,737
OK	4,187	*4,444	4,499	3,727	4,465	5,545
PA	2,637	3,063	3,009	3,197	*3,218	3,355
SC	5,051	4,733	4,892	4,529	4,818	5,058
TX	11,764	11,100	12,986	12,752	12,922	12,990
VA	5,015	4,220	3,891	5,636	5,225	4,952
CA, MO, TN, & WV	15,590	14,300	15,986	*17,024	*16,624	16,622
19 State Total	156,108	*152,414	*159,431	*166,195	*167,899	168,345
Previous Year Total	163,792	168,349	177,182	175,854	178,626	179,381
Pct. of Prev. Year	95	91	90	95	94	94

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